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TOPIC Soviet Troop Movements Through EBERSWALDE Towards Schorfheide

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1. a. About 16 trains, coming from the direction of FRANKFURT/Oder, passed through EBERSWALDE (N 53/V 08) between 7 and 10 June 1949 and proceeded to "Schorfheide". Each train consisted of about 60 boxcars occupied by troops and some gondola cars carrying motor vehicles and three or four light antiaircraft guns.
- b. By orders of the SMA, all passenger traffic had been suspended and freight traffic greatly restricted on the EBERSWALDE-JOACHIMSTHAL (N 53/Q 00) RR line during the mentioned period.
2. a. Columns of armored vehicles moved through EBERSWALDE via BRITZ (N 53/V 09) towards "Schorfheide" for five or six days in mid-June 1949. The total number of armored vehicles, which were in columns of 50 to 60, was estimated at four hundred. An advance detail had marked the march route with signboards bearing the inscriptions "53" and "КОСЯКОВ" (KOSYAKOV).
- b. Immediately after the above movements German road-repair crews were assigned to repair road damage. Some of the crews were observed to be still working in mid-July 1949.

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Comment: It is known from other information that the TE-PLAN training area (which includes the "Schorfheide") has been used primarily by component units of the Fourth Gds Mecc Army (Cadre, since the early summer of 1949. The above information indicates that tank units, especially, have been concentrated there since mid-June 1949.

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